

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Claims 1-3, 10-14, 24-39, 42-44 and 51-55 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Hylton (U.S. Patent No. 5,708,961); claims 4-5 and 45-46 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Hylton (U.S. Patent No. 5,708,961) in view of Mills (U.S. Patent No. 6,311,204); claims 6-7 and 47-48 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Hylton (U.S. Patent No. 5,708,961) in view of Mills (U.S. Patent No. 6,311,204) and further in view of Leone (U.S. Patent No. 6,901,153); claims 8-9 and 49-50 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Hylton (U.S. Patent No. 5,708,961) in view of Sueyoshi (U.S. Patent No. 6,295,319) claims 15, 40 and 56 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Hylton (U.S. Patent No. 5,708,961) in view of Official Notice; and claim 41 stands rejected under 35 USC § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Hylton (U.S. Patent No. 5,708,961) in view of Leone (U.S. Patent No. 6,901,153).

Claims 1-15, 34-56 are currently pending in this application. Claims 16-33 and 57-74 have been withdrawn. Claims 1, 34 and 42 have been amended. The rejections above have been traversed and, as such, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the allowability of claims 1-15, 34-56.

2. Claim 1 was rejected based on Hylton. Amended claim 1 recites:

"A method for isolating a channel of interest from a set of channels from a plurality of multimedia sources that include a video network and a local media player, in a multimedia system

that includes a multimedia server that is coupled to the plurality of multimedia sources, wherein at least one of the set of channels includes data from the local media player"

In contrast, Hylton does not disclose or teach a multimedia server coupled to a plurality of multimedia sources, including a local media player such as a DVD player or a VCR, etc. Hylton obtains video signals from the digital broadband network 6. In Hylton's system one user cannot, for instance, be watching a DVD while another user watches a cable or satellite channel.

For this reason, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn and believes that claim 1 and claims 2-15 that depend therefrom, are patentably distinct from the prior art.

3. Claim 34 was rejected based on Hylton. In particular, claim 34 recites,

"A client module for use in a multimedia system that includes a multimedia server that is coupled to a plurality of multimedia sources including a video network and the Internet, the client module comprises:

network interface controller operably coupled to receive encoded channel data that represents a set of channels via a communication path from the multimedia server the set of channels including at least one channel for providing a user with bidirectional access to the Internet, wherein the network interface controller extracts data relating to a channel of interest from the encoded channel data;

Hyton's system cannot provide a user with bidirectional Internet access. Hylton includes modem 25 which only provides access to the digital broadband network 6, which provides only signaling messages relating to the channels, such as decryption information, the mapping of programs to channels, text and graphic overlays, interactive services, etc.

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn and believes that claim 34 and claims 35-41 that depend therefrom, are patentably distinct from the prior art.

4. Claim 42 was rejected based on Hylton. In particular, claim 42 recites,

"An apparatus for isolating a channel of interest from a set of channels from a plurality of media sources including a media network, a local media player and the Internet, in a multimedia system that includes a multimedia server that is coupled to the plurality of media sources"

As discussed above, Hylton does not provide a multimedia server that includes channels from a local media player and from the Internet.

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn and believes that claim 42 and claims 43-56 that depend therefrom, are patentably distinct from the prior art.

For the foregoing reasons, the applicant believes that claims 1-15, 34-56 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be passed to allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the present invention.

A petition for a one-month extension of time is included herewith that extends the time period for response to 11/5/2007. This response is therefore timely made.

A Request for Continuing Examination accompanies this amendment along with a credit card payment form for the associated fee and for the extension of time fee. No additional fees are believed to be due. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that are required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2126 (VIXS006).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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